(b) what was the amount received between 1st October, 1999 and 31st December, 1999 and what was the balance outstanding as on 31st December, 1999; and

(c) what was the overall recovery percentage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Total SDF overdues amount in respect of cane development loan as on 30.9.99 was Rs. 10351.56 lakhs.

(b) The amount received between 1.10.99 to 31.12.99 was Rs. 1874.35 lakhs and the balance outstanding as on 31.12.99 was Rs. 8477.21 lakhs.

(c) Recovery percentage during the period was 18.10 of the overdues as on 30.9.99.

Production of Mustard Oil Seed

1291. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of mustard oil seeds in the country;

(b) which are the main producing States alongwith quantities produced by each State;

(c) whether storage capacity in each State is sufficiently available or there is any shortfall anywhere;

(d) whether it is a fact that there was storage problem in some districts of Madhya Pradesh, if so, what immediate remedy was provided;

(e) whether there is any plan to make required storage capacity available at such problem places; and

(f) if so, by what time it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMBER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The total production of mustard oil seeds in the country is 56.7 lakh MT in the year 1999-2000.

(b) The main producing States of mustard oilseeds are Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The production of these States are 24.33 lakh MT, 10.87 lakh MT and 7.02 lakh MT respectively.

(c) to (f) After harvesting when the mustard crop arrives in the market, it is purchased by the traders/oil millers at the prevailing market price. Thus, the question of storage of mustard crop does not arise. However, in the case of shortfall in market price of mustard seed below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) NAFED is asked to intervene for market operation and NAFED has the enough storage capacity in each State in the country. Alternatively, they also utilise the storage facility of State Warehousing/Central Warehousing for the purpose.

Consignment of rice supplied to North-Eastern States

1292. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many consignments of rice have been supplied by FCI to North Eastern States during the past five years;

(b) what was the quantity supplied, years-wise and consignment-wise; and

(c) who were the carriers' goods trains or trucks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) FCI issues the stocks of rice, wheat and sugar to each of the NE States against the allocation made by the Government of India in favour of each State. The quantities of rice suplied by FCI to NE States during the last five years are shown in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The stocks are lifted by the State Governments/their nominees from FCI depots through their own road transportation arrangements. As far the FCI is concerned, the foodgrains and sugar were carried to FCI depots in NE States mainly by goods trains. Small quantities were carried by the road transporters.

Sugar Output

1293. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: